

**REMARKS**

1. After entry of this paper, claims 27, 28 and 30-33 are pending in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

2. The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowed claims 27, 28, and 30-33.

3. Claims 34-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by JP 2003-068209 (the '209 document).

In response thereto, claims 34-36 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

5. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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